

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ARIC COLLIN NORMILE,

Defendant.

CR 22–8–BU–DLC

ORDER

Before the Court is United States Magistrate Judge Kathleen L. DeSoto’s Findings & Recommendation Concerning Plea. (Doc. 82.) Because neither party objected, they are not entitled to *de novo* review. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). Therefore, the Court reviews the Findings and Recommendation for clear error. *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).

Normile is charged with one count of attempted transfer of obscene material to a minor, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1470 and 2 (Count I), as set forth in the Superseding Indictment. (Doc. 70.) Judge DeSoto recommends that this Court accept Normile’s guilty plea as to Count I after Normile appeared before her

pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. The Court finds no clear error in Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation and adopts them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 82) is ADOPTED in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Normile's motion to change plea (Doc. 68) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Normile is adjudged guilty as charged in Count I of the Superseding Indictment.

DATED this 11th day of October, 2022.



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Dana L. Christensen, District Judge  
United States District Court